

**MEMORANDUM**

To: CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee

From: CMAP Staff

Date: October 7, 2020

Re: FFY 2021 – 2025 Local STP programs and TIP Amendments
20-00.1 through 20-00.12

On October 11, 2017, the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee approved the execution of a **Memorandum of Agreement** between the City of Chicago and the CMAP Council of Mayors regarding the distribution and active program management of locally programmed Surface Transportation Block Grant funds under the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act. This agreement reformed the way in which Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds were allocated in Northeastern Illinois and laid the groundwork for the local councils of mayors and City of Chicago to establish their own points-based methodology for selecting projects that would consider both subregional priorities and regional planning factors that uphold the core principles of ON TO 2050.

From January through March of 2020 the subregional councils and City of Chicago issued individual calls for projects to be funded in federal fiscal years (FFYs) 2021 through 2025. Regionwide, 171 different sponsors requested over \$1.3 billion in federal funds for more than 400 projects. Project applications were scored and ranked according to each subregion’s methodology and proposed programs were developed according to the region’s Active Program Management policies. Each of the proposed programs was subject to public comment for at least 30 days.

The final approved programs allocate over \$600 million in STP funds over the next five federal fiscal years for 273 projects. These STP funds leverage \$240 million in other federal funds, \$135 million in state funds, and \$567 million in local funds, for a total value of over \$1.5 billion. In order to eliminate or lessen the burden of providing local match for some of the region’s highest need communities, \$2.7 million in Transportation Development Credits – Highways (TDCHs, also known as “toll credits”) are proposed to be used for 19 projects in southern Cook and McHenry counties. Additionally, the City of Chicago has programmed \$29 million in Rebuild Illinois bond funds to be used on nine projects. These investments will fund more than 200 road and bridge maintenance and modernization projects, 17 road expansions, 27 intersection

improvement projects, 30 bicycle and pedestrian projects, as well as parking, safety, signal systems, transit stations, and transportation enhancements.

Detailed project descriptions and proposed funding for these projects is presented in the below twelve TIP amendments. Within these amendments, projects which may impact the region's air quality conformity determination are illustrative, as are projects awaiting final approval by an individual council of mayors.

- 21-00.1 City of Chicago
- 21-00.2 North Shore Council of Mayors
- 21-00.3 Northwest Council of Mayors
- 21-00.4 North Central Council of Mayors
- 21-00.5 Central Council of Mayors
- 21-00.6 Southwest Council of Mayors
- 21-00.7 South Council of Mayors
- 21-00.8 DuPage Council of Mayors
- 21-00.9 Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors
- 21-00.10 Lake Council of Mayors
- 21-00.11 McHenry Council of Mayors
- 21-00.12 Will Council of Mayors

Staff requests CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee approval of TIP amendments 21-00.1 through 21-00.12. Following approval, staff will take the necessary steps to incorporate the illustrative projects into the region's next conformity determination and will seek Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) approval of the use of Transportation Development Credits – Highways (TDCH) for the projects proposing their use. The programs of projects represented by these amendments will also be forwarded to IDOT for inclusion in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and Multi-Year Improvement Program (MYP).

ACTION REQUESTED: CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee Approval

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